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1. SINCE FORMULATING DRAFT CONTAINED REFTEL (A) FOR UNGA RESOLUTION ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, DEPARTMENT HAS HELD FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE, WITH UN SG'S OFFICE AND A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BOTH DCS AND LDCS. RESULT HAS BEEN FURTHER REVISION OF DRAFT TO ATTEMPT TO MEET CONCERNS OF UN SECRETARIAT AND SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES. WE NOW PREPARED TO INTRODUCE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION AT ECOSOC MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 11, AND REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEE POSTS TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FROM THESE GOVERNMENTS TO THEIR UN DELEGATIONS TO CO-SPONSOR DRAFT OR AT A MINIMUM NOT TO OPPOSE IT.

2. BEGIN TEXT

CONVOCAION OF A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING THE ECOSOC DECISION OF OCTOBER 18, 1974 TO

DEVELOP PLANS NECESSARY TO RECOMMEND THE CONVOCAION OF
A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS IN 1974,

TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE SYGS REPORT
(BLANK) SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO THE
DECISION CITED ABOVE,

TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT OF THE
17TH CONFERENCE OF THE FAO AND OF (BLANK),

ALSO TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF UNCTAD'S VIEWS
AS EXPRESSED BY ITS SEC-GEN ON NOVEMBER 20, 1974 AT THE
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17TH CONFERENCE OF THE FAO,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE OFFER OF FINANCIAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE
17TH CONFERENCE OF FAO,

NOTING THAT RECENT TRENDS IN THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR
FOOD HAVE HIGHLIGHTED THE CONCERN OF MEMBER STATES TO

ASSURE ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLIES TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,

CONSIDERING THAT THIS SUBJECT RELATES DIRECTLY TO THE GOALS SET FOR THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE;

1. RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

BELIEVING THAT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WOULD PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH A FORUM FOR BRINGING ABOUT THE IMPROVEMENT OF WORLD FOOD SECURITY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE;

1. DECIDES TO CONVENE A WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE FOR TWO WEEKS IN NOVEMBER 1974:

2. RECOMMENDS THAT THIS CONFERENCE BE AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL;

3. REQUESTS THE SYG AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DG OF THE FAO TO APPOINT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE SEC GEN OF THE CONFERENCE, WHO WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY FOR PREPARATIONS FOR THE WFC, AND TO SET UP A SMALL CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT DRAWING PARTICULARLY UPON THE

EXPERTISE AND COMPETENCE OF THE FAO AND OTHER RELEVANT BODIES OF THE UN SYSTEM.

4. ENTRUSTS THE ECOSOC WITH OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CONFERENCE AND REQUESTS IT TO ESTABLISH AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION FOR 1974 AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS OF ITS WORK;

5. RECOMMENDS THAT IN PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE, FULL ACCOUNT BE TAKEN OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORTH BY THE 17TH CONFERENCE OF THE FAO CONCERNING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND TASKS OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AS WELL AS ALL OTHER COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM OTHER COMPETENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES;

INVITES ALL THE COMPETENT ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM TO COLLABORATE CLOSELY IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH ORDER OF PARAGRAPHS SOMEWHAT CHANGED FOR PROCEDURAL REASONS, PARTLY DUE TO COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM UN SECRETARIAT, SUBSTANCE REMAINS THE SAME AS IN EARLIER DRAFT VERSION SENT REFTEL (A).
FOR ROME: WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO MEET FAO DG'S CONCERN ABOUT JOINT ROLE IN SELECTION OF SG OF CONFERENCE BY LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF DRAFT. WE WERE UNABLE, HOWEVER, TO AGREE WITH PROPOSAL THAT REFERENCE IN PARA 5 TO "THE SCOPE AND WORK OF THE CONFERENCE, ETC." BE ELIMINATED, SINCE IN OUR VIEW IT MIGHT OPEN UP THE POSSIBILITY OF AUTHORITIES OTHER THAN THE FAO CONFERENCE, SUCH AS UNCTAD, ATTEMPTING TO DIRECT SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF THE WFC. FOR USUN: REQUEST MISSION NEGOTIATE WITH POTENTIAL DC AND LDC CO-SPONSORS WITH VIEW TO ADOPTION THIS DRAFT. WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS OR CHANGES WHICH WOULD AFFECT SUBSTANCE BUT SHOULD THEY ARISE YOU SHOULD SEEK FURTHER GUIDANCE OF DEPARTMENT. MISSION WILL NOTE WE HAVE RETAINED PHRASE IN PARA 2 THAT WFC BE "AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE", SINCE WE ARE OF VIEW THAT ALL REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE OFFICIAL DELEGATES, AND NOT NECESSARILY JUST THOSE MINISTERS HEADING DELEGATIONS. WE HAVE ALSO REINSERTED IN PARA 3 LANGUAGE ON PREDOMINANT ROLE OF FAO AMONG INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES IN WFC; WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THIS A CRUCIAL FACTOR IN ASSURING A PRODUCTIVE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE.

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